

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office has required restriction in the above-listed application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to the use of a compound comprising the amino acid sequence X1X2X3X4X5X6.

Group II: Claims 6-8, drawn to a method of isolating a compound binding to an antibody being specific for the natural N-terminal AB42 sequence.

Group III: Claim 9, drawn to a vaccine against AD comprising an antigen and a plurality of sequences.

Additionally, the Office has required election of a single disclosed species selected from SEQ ID NO: 91 – SEQ ID NO: 115.

Applicants have elected, with traverse, Claims 30-44, drawn to compositions. Additionally, Applicants have provisionally elected the species SWEFRT (SEQ ID NO: 113) for further prosecution. At least Claims 30-49 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse on the grounds that the Office has not shown that a burden exists in searching the entire application.

MPEP in §803 states as follows:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

Additionally, Applicants request, should the elected species be found allowable, that the Office expand its search to encompass the non-elected species.

Further, should the Office find composition claims to be allowable, Applicants request rejoinder of the non-elected method claims.

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Claims 1-29 are cancelled.

Claims 30-49 are new.

Support for each new claim is found at the originally filed claims and throughout the originally filed specification.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 30-49 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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